

Northern Region Quality Improvement Committee

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		<p>possibilities that we could do for our next Project.</p> <p><u>June 20, 2008</u></p> <p>The committee decided to create a pilot project regarding searches for kin in hopes to create more timely permanency for children in states custody. This will include finding volunteers to help search, using genealogy resources, internet search tools, etc.</p>	<p><u>June 20, 2008</u></p> <p>Darryl Melton and Pam Clark will write the proposal for this project and bring to the next meeting.</p>
Public Relations:		<p><u>April 18, 2008</u></p> <p>Congratulations to our committee members Linda and Daryl Melton. They have been selected to attend the National Permanency Conference for Foster Care Youth in Washington DC.</p> <p><u>June 6, 2008</u></p> <p>The committee welcomed a new member to our committee, Suzanne Buchanan. Suzanne is from the Davis County School District.</p> <p>Immersion Day and Celebration of Hope - Our theme for the Immersion Day and Celebration of Hope will be Permanency.</p>	<p><u>April 18, 2008</u></p> <p>Linda and Daryl will report to the committee on their experiences at the National Permanency Conference.</p> <p><u>June 6, 2008</u></p> <p>We will discuss dates for Immersion Day and Celebration of Hope in our next meeting.</p>

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		<u>June 20, 2008</u> The committee is hoping to set a date for the Immersion Day sometime late September or early October. The Celebration of Hope will be held October 17 th .	<u>June 20, 2008</u> Carol will check with Duane and Lisa-Michelle to see which dates work best for them. The theme for the stories will be cases going above and beyond to find family permanency for children. Carol will send an email to the region.
CPS Issues:		<u>April 18, 2008</u> Discussed CPS Issues above in the Dash Board items while discussing the handout on the abuse in the 15 foster care cases. <u>June 6, 2008</u> Discussed CPS Issues in the QCR results. <u>June 20, 2008</u> No CPS issues discussed.	
QCR Participation:	<u>April 18, 2008</u> QCR Stakeholder Interview: Guests: Dan Choate - ORS Julene Jones - ORS	<u>April 18, 2008</u> Dan Choate and Julene Jones from ORS attended our QI Committee Meeting for a Stakeholder Interview with our committee the week before our QCR. We had a large attendance for this meeting. Dan explained the QCR process for the benefit of our new committee members.	<u>April 18, 2008</u> We will announce the QCR results at our next meeting.

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		<p>Dan asked our committee "what in the past year has changed - and what have we accomplished"?</p> <p>The committee members told Dan that we are proud of what we have accomplished over the year.</p> <p>We have held two successful Immersion Days, which were attended by 60 - 70 people each time.</p> <p>The committee members all agreed our Immersion Days, and the positive media attention we received, have helped to improve the community's perception of DCFS.</p> <p>The committee also held another Celebration of Hope for the Stories of Hope. It was a great success. The Celebration of Hope helps to improve staff morale.</p> <p>The Project the committee recently completed was in relation to the low number of referrals from the medical field. The Project, which included educating personnel on how and when referrals should be made, has helped to improve communications and promote better relationships between DCFS and the medical field.</p> <p>Dan discussed other subjects with the committee and concluded by encouraging committee members to participate next year</p>	

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		<p>the Foster Care Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Cost Staffings • Clinical person available in the office to the foster parents. <p>Comments from Committee Members Reviewers:</p> <p>Sally Jones, Joyce Booth and Brenda Durtschi participated in the QCRs this year and all reported what a interesting, valuable experience it was and encouraged other committee members to sign up to participate next year.</p>	
Other Business:	<u>April 18, 2008</u> Independent Living Home	<u>April 18, 2008</u> Four girls living at the IL Home recently celebrated getting their diplomas or GED. Mayor Godfrey would still like the neighborhood to be single dwelling homes. He has recommended other dwellings for the Independent Living Home to be moved to. They were not appropriate for the ILH. Lisa-Michele Church and Duane Betournay will be visiting with the neighborhood on May 7 th . They will also be showing the landscaping plans being developed. They would like to get Ogden City Schools and the girls involved with the project. Lisa-Michele is still supportive of the	<u>April 18, 2008</u> The committee will continue to follow up on the status of the Independent Living Home.

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